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**Castro Shows 'over Optimistic' Planning**

High-altitude aerial snooping convinced U.S. strategists that Castro's military forces were actually defensive. They had no need of mobile bases, but had built up "defensive strength" for invasion of Cuba. What's more, Cuba lacks long-range striking power. Some experts "would" believe" deliberately because Castro, lest he rashly risk invasion, wants to "use" Cuba. He has no "strategic" ambitions. He is "isolated" and "not a threat." American's "biggest" "fear" would be that the invasion "bigger than that" April 19. They are afraid that Castro "steps up" his "operations" throughout the hemisphere, helping guerrillas in many lands. He goes North, the Dominican Republic, Guatemala, Venezuela, Bolivia, etc. U.S. policymakers debate whether to "proceed." Cuba's "economic" troubles "help" "negotiate." Fed up, the U.S. gets them to "hand over" "more" "supplies" "now." An "eventual" "direct" "effort" to "overthrow" the "regime."